

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andrew Tiajolloff on 10-22-2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 17, line 2, "at the front end" has been changed to –at ends thereof--.

Claim 30, line 9, "portion the raw cylinder" has been changed to –portion of the raw cylinder--.

In the title:

"AND HOLLOW CYLINDER MADE FROM QUARTZ GLASS FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD" has been deleted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for allowance is the inclusion of the limitation that the raw cylinder is collapsed in part and that the hollow cylinder is separated from the raw cylinder in the region of the collapsing zone.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Patent No. 6,484,540 B1 (Shimada et al.) – teaches mechanically machining an inner bore of a quartz glass cylinder.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erin Snelting whose telephone number is (571)272-7169. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on (571)272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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